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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2000, Paper No. 4, please amend and reconsider the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 8 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) An armature shaft comprising:

a shaft having two ends;

a commutator on said shaft;

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